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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 120 By Black

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jennifer Dye, on her selection to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Dye is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dye has recently been selected to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the national award recognizes Ms. Dye's exceptional talent, leadership abilities and dedication to teaching Science; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Dye serves with acumen and alacrity as a biology teacher at Gallatin High School; she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dye truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, a leader of the highest merit, Jennifer Dye serves her peers as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Science Teachers Association; and she has also conducted educational workshops at both state and national association meetings and the National Association of Biology Teachers convention; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dye is helping to lead biology instruction into the new millennium by writing curricula for the Phase II biology workshops and serving as an instructor for the Biology Gateway workshops; and

WHEREAS, now a nationally prominent educator, the exceptional skill of this outstanding teacher was already known statewide, as she was the 1999 Outstanding Biology Teacher for Tennessee and the 1999 Tennessee Science Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Dye truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Jennifer Dye of Gallatin High School on earning the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.